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| DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63) | | Attorney Docket Number | 4276-0103P |
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I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METAL SHEET PILE

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

OR

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| Prior Foreign Application Numbers | Country | Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Priority Not claimed | Certified Copy Attached? Yes No |
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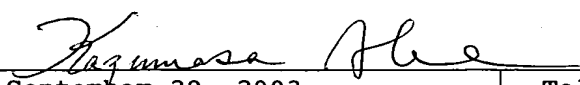
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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